

BROWN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE GRAND OPENING

The grand opening of *Brown v. Board of Education* National Historic Site and the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the decision will kick off this May at the national historic site in Topeka, KS.



The event is free to the public, and will take place on the grounds of the site at 11am. To learn more about the opening of the permanent site, please [visit the website](#).

COMMISSION INVITES PUBLIC TO ATTEND KANSAS MEETING

The fifth meeting of the Brown Commission will convene in March in conjunction with a major University of Kansas conference on *Brown*. The conference begins Sunday, March 14, 2004. Official Commission activities will begin March 16th with its public meeting convening at the University of Kansas Alumni Center followed by travel to Topeka for a tour of the permanent *Brown v. Board of Education* National Historic Site.

MIXED MEDIA MENTIONS OF *BROWN*...

Throughout the year, thousands of media outlets will focus on the 50th anniversary of 1954 *Brown v. Board* decision. The Commission invites you to read beyond the headlines, such as:

[Unfinished Business on Campus: Affirmative Action 50 Years After Brown](#) (A National Conference sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, July 15-17, 2004)

SPECIAL *BROWN* EVENTS

"BEYOND BROWN: CHILDREN, RACE AND EDUCATION"
MARCH 25-26, 2004
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA



CO-hosted by the Center on Race and Race Relations and the Center on Children and the Law, at University of Florida, and supported by the Institute for Child and Adolescent Research and Evaluation (ICARE) and the College of Education, this conference will mark the 50th anniversary

of the landmark case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, in which the Supreme Court held that educating children in racially segregated schools violated the Constitution's equal protection guarantees. The conference will open on Thursday, March 25th at 4 PM with a special showing of the documentary, "The Intolerable Burden", which traces three generations of a Mississippi family dealing with segregated schools, followed by a Q & A with producer Constance Curry. The following day will be devoted to break out discussions aimed at bringing together a diverse group of lawyers, teachers, scholars, parents and young people to explore the legacy and promise of *Brown*. For more information visit the [conference website](#).

COMMISSIONER PROFILE

The Honorable Eric Rosen, Judge of the District Court, Shawnee County, Kansas, was appointed as a State Court District Judge in 1993. Judge Rosen is very active in his community, serving on the boards of various foundations and organizations and receiving numerous awards, including the Martin Luther King Living the Dream Humanitarian Award in 2002. Judge Rosen received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kansas, and is a graduate of the Washburn University School of Law.



"Brown is the 20th century's emancipation proclamation. As with the legal end of slavery, the legal end of segregation awakened the conscience of our nation. The law, like any principle, can only state what needs to be done and the path of where we need to go. It is up to the people to decide whether to follow, to believe in their hearts that no matter what the circumstances of their birth, everyone has an equal opportunity to the best of what is possible in our country."

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